GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:270
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2005
ACCESSIBILITY OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has made any provisions for easy accessibility of books for children with a view to increasing the reading habit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of voluntary organizations and associations of publishers which had received grants in aid from the Government during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05, State-wise; and

(d) the progress recorded under Education Libraries Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 270 FOR 22.03.2005 ASKED BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA AND SHRI SUGRIB SINGH REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

(a) & (b): To produce and encourage the production of good literature and to make such literature available at moderate prices to the general masses, the Govt. has set up the National Book Trust, India (NBT) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Sahitya Akademi under the Ministry of Culture and the Publication Division under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

In NBT, a specialized body viz. the National Centre for Children's Literature (NCCL) has been set up. The NCCL is the nodal agency to monitor, coordinate, plan and aid the publication of children's literature in various Indian languages. The NCCL has developed a library-cum- documentation centre for children's literature. It organizes workshops, seminars and exhibitions with a view to promote reading habit among children at the school level by encouraging the setting up of Readers' Clubs, 25,000 of which have been set up. The NCCL conducts surveys, takes up research work and publishes a monthly journal called Readers' Club Bulletin which publishes original writings by children and is mailed to various schools. In order to boost children's literature, the NBT organizes exclusive Children's Book Fairs in various parts of the country from time to time.

To supplement the efforts of NCCL, the Sahitya Akademi and Publications Division are also engaged in publishing books for children in different languages, at moderate prices.

(c) : A list of the voluntary organizations and associations of publishers working in the field of book promotion and who were sanctioned grants under the scheme of "Book Promotional Activities & Voluntary Agencies" during 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 is at Appendix I & II.
(d) : A Scheme for 'Quality Improvement in Schools' is currently under finalisation in the Ministry. This scheme has a component called "Improvement in Educational Libraries".

Appendix – I

List of Voluntary Organizations which received grants under the Scheme of Book Promotion Activities & Voluntary Agencies during 2003-2004

(In Rs.)

ANDHRA PRADESH

1.	Prof. Kaula Endowment for Library & Information Science, Ithanagaram	36,000
2.	Sri Sai Society, Medak	2,62,500
3.	Gram Seva Sangam, Madnoor	2,81,000
4.	Chaitanya Youth Association, Rajamundhary	2,00,000
5.	Venkateswara Rural Development Society,	2,20,000

Mehboobnagar	
ASSAM	
6. Anwesha, Guwahati	1,52,000
BIHAR	
7. Badhte Kadam, Patna	1,60,000
8. Harijan Adivasi Mahila Kalyan Samiti, Munger.	1,50,000
DELHI	
9. Federation of Indian Publishers, New Delhi	15,00,000
10. Indian Regional Journalists Association, Delhi	4,80,000
11. Initiative Reconstruction & Moblization, New Delhi	2,25,000
12. Manav Mandir Mission, Delhi	1,25,000
13. Pustak Mela Samiti, Delhi	4,00,000
14. Afro Asian Book Council, Delhi	37,500
15. Authors Guild of India, Delhi	1,12,500
16. Pustak Mela Samiti, Delhi	3,00,000
17. Darpan Music Society of Kairana Gharana, Delhi	2,00,000
18. Sur Nirman Educational & Cultural Society, Delhi	2,40,000
19. Initiative for Reconstruction & Mobilization, New Delhi	2,00,000
GUJARAT	
20. Vikash Samarathan Kendra, Anand	2,25,000
21. Shri Bajrang Kelwani Mandal, Narmada	2,00,000
JHARKHAND	
22. Marksman Welfare Society, Hazaribagh	1,50,000
KARNATAKA	
23. Aishwarya Rural Women & Children Welfare Association, Bangalore	1,20,000
24. B.S. Education Society, Bangalore	1,00,000
25. Shri Chaitra Education Society, Bannur	1,80,000
26. Rayala Seva Samiti, Gulberga	1,91,000
27. Centre for Urban & Rural Development, Bangalore	2,62,500
28. Bhagyajyoti Education Trust, Bagepalli	2,50,000
29. N.B. Urban & Rural Service Development Society, Bagpalli	2,40,000
KERALA	
30. Darshan Cultural Society, Kottayam	3,00,000
31. Antharashtra Pustakoutsvan, Kochi	3,00,000
MAHARASHTRA	
32. Bhaurao Patil Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Nanded	1,86,800
33. Gramin Vikas Sanstha, Nanded	1,10,000
34. Sheela Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Nanded	1,50,000
35. Navjeevan Dyan Seva Bhavi Sanstha, Parbhani	1,75,000
36. Deccan Education Society, Pune	3,00,000
37. Late Gyanoba Shikshan Prasarak Manda, Aurangabad	2,00,000
38. Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Latur	2,25,000
39. Marathwada Pasaydan Kala Academy, Beed	2,00,000
MANIPUR	
40. Sangeet Kala Sangam, Imphal	3,25,000
ORISSA	
41. Anchalika Kunjeshwari Sanskrutika Sansad, Bhubaneshwar	2,25,000
42. Institute of Social Action, Puri	2,00,000
PUNJAB	

43. Punjab Public Relief Society, Ludhiana	1,05,000
44. Guru Angad Dev Seva Society, Ludhiana	1,50,000
RAJASTHAN	
45. Mamta Vidya Mandir Samiti, Jaipur	1,35,000
46. Priyanka Bal Vidya Mandir Samiti, Karauli	1,50,000
47. Astha Sanskritik Sansthan, Jaipur	1,25,000
TAMIL NADU	
48. Students Book Fair, Chennai	2,00,000
U.P.	
49. Human Welfare Development Society, Faizabad	1,86,000
50. Bhartiya Vidya Adhyayan Kendra, Varanasi	1,52,000
51. Centre for Health & Social Welfare Society, Varanasi	1,20,000
52. Prag Sarvodya Samiti, Lucknow	2,00,000
53. Bhartiya Gramin Vikas Samiti, Hardoi	2,20,000
54. Kumar Audyogik Prashikshan Sansthan, Varanasi	1,70,000
55. Gramyanchal Pragati Samiti, Ghazipur	2,00,000
UTTARANCHAL	
56. Educational & Social Welfare Society, Pauri	1,75,500
WEST BENGAL	
57. Publishers & Booksellers Guild, Kolkata	3,75,000

Appendix – II

List of Voluntary Organizations which received grants under the Scheme of Book Promotion Activities & Voluntary Agencies during 2004-2005

(In Rs.)

ANDHRA PRADESH	
1. Sai Vani Education Society, Ananthapur.	1,50,000
2. Rural Community Development Organisation, Rajampet, Cuddapah.	1,60,000
3. Prof. Kaula Endowment for Library & Information Sciences, Ithanagaram.	50,000
4. Village Development society, Belgaun.	2,00,000
ASSAM	
5. Assam Scheduled Caste Worker's Council, Guwahati.	1,00,000
6. Al-Hilal Human Welfare Society, Barpeta.	3,75,000
BIHAR	
7. Harijan Adivasi Mahila Kalyan Samiti, Munger.	2,50,000
8. Chanakya International, Patna.	1,35,000
9. Arya Sewa foundation, Patna.	2,25,000
DELHI	
10. Federation of Indian Publishers, Institutional Area, Near JNU, New Delhi.	20,00,000
11. Federation of Indian Publishers, Institutional Area Delhi	5,00,000
12. Authors Guild of India, Jangpura Extension, Delhi	1,70,000
13. Delhi Gramin Vikas Samiti, Rohini,Delhi	1,80,000
14. Society for empowering the Youth and the downtrodden, Jia sarai, Delhi	2,00,000
15. Sehyog vikas Samiti, Badarpur, Delhi	2,25,000
16. Association of writers and illustrators for children, Indraprakash estate, Delhi	2,50,000
17. Initiative for Reconstruction and Mobilisation, Alkananda Apartment, Delhi	2,50,000
18. Indian Regional Journalists Association,	5,00,000

	Daryaganj, Delhi	
19.	Pustak Mela Samiti, Daryaganj, Delhi	4,00,000
20.	Renaissance Mukandpure Ext., Delhi	1,35,000
21.	Hindustan Sewa Sanstha, Rohini, Delhi	1,50,000
GUJARAT		
22.	Amine Shariat Eduction Trust, Jamnagar.	2,25,000
HIMACHAL PRADESH		
23.	Navjyothi Educational society, Sirmour.	3,75,000
JHARKHAND		
24.	Humanity, Ranchi.	2,00,000
25.	Jan Sarokar, Ranchi.	2,00,000
KARNATAKA		
26.	Jnana Jyothi Education Society, Devanahalli, Bangalore.	2,00,000
27.	Rural Development society, Belgam.	2,00,000
28.	Bhagyajyothi Educational Trust, Bagepaslli.	3,00,000
KERALA		
29.	Darshan cultural society, Kottayam.	3,50,000
30.	Antharashtra Pustakotsava Samiti, Kochi.	3,50,000
MADHYA PRADESH		
31.	Kalpana Shiksha Prasar Samiti, Muraina.	1,50,000
32.	Subedar Bhagwan Das shiksha Avam Jan vikas Samiti, Gwalior.	1,00,000
33.	Dindayal Shiksha Samiti, Gwalior.	1,50,000
34.	Shri Ramswaroop singh Shiksha Prasar Samiti, Bhind.	2,00,000
MAHARASHTRA		
35.	Balaji Shikshan Sanstha, Nanded.	1,80,000
36.	Kopergaon Taluka Vidyarti Sahayak Samiti, Kopergaon.	1,00,000
37.	Shri Nagnath Bahu-uddeshiya Sanstha, Solapur.	1,50,000
38.	Navjeevan dyan sevabhavi Sanstha, Parbhani.	1,80,000
39.	Ahilya Bahuuddeshiya Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Latur.	2,00,000
40.	Sanjivani Educational and Social Development Sanstha, Ahmednagar.	1,00,000
41.	Saw Kamalini Satbhai Sarvajanik Granthalaya Vachnalaya.	1,00,000
42.	Vikas Shikshan Sanstha, Hingoli.	1,50,000
MANIPUR		
43.	Socio Economic and Educational Development Service, Chuachandpur.	2,20,000
44.	Rural Development Association, Khongijom.	3,00,000
45.	The Indigenous world, Imphal.	3,00,000
NAGALAND		
46.	Eve's Welfare Society, Dimapur.	1,80,000
ORISSA		
47.	Tribal Life society of Orissa, Cuttack.	2,00,000
48.	Bikalpa Bikash, Angul.	4,00,000
RAJASTHAN		
49.	Jagrothi Shikshan Prashikshan Sansthan, Karauli.	1,25,000
TAMILNADU		
50.	Humanity Educational and Rural Development Tied organization, Kanchipram.	1,50,000

TRIPURA		
51.	Indian women development Society, Agartala.	1,35,000
UTTAR PRADESH		
52.	Lok Mangal, Orai.	1,00,000
53.	Mattei Helath Care and Social Welfare Institute, Ambedkar Nagar.	2,25,000
54.	Prag Sarvodaya Samiti, Lucknow.	2,50,000
55.	Vishwambhar Dayalu Tripathi Rajkiya Zila Pustakalaya, Unnao.	2,25,000
56.	National Institute of Career Development, Allahabad.	2,50,000
57.	Bhartiya Gramin Vikas Samiti, Hardoi.	2,00,000
UTTARANCHAL		
58.	Jalagam Samiti, Sajgouri.	1,50,000
59.	Groupious Social Welfare Society, Dehradun.	1,80,000
60.	Vidya Niketan Shiksha Samiti, Tehri, Garhwal.	2,50,000
WEST BENGAL		
61.	Publishers and Book Sellers Guild, Kolkata	10,00,000